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A.—(*a*) Candidates for appointment as Sub-Inspectors should possess the minimum general educational qualifications.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Disposal of the Fisheries Cannery at Chaliyam.

* 229-C *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Fisheries Cannery at Chaliyam has been disposed of;

(*b*) whether offers for the purchase of cannery were received and if so what was the highest amount offered;

(*c*) whether the Government contemplate leasing out the cannery to any private individual; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what the conditions are on which the lease is proposed to be granted?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. The highest offer was for Rs. 16,000 from one who could not be traced at the address given by him. The next best offer was for Rs. 13,500.

(*c*) & (*d*) As the offers for the purchase of the cannery were not considered suitable, orders have been issued to lease it to M.R.Ry. M. Viswanath Avargal for a period of five years on a monthly rental of Rs. 100, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) that the lessee shall pay for the stores at the cannery which he may require for working the concern;

(ii) that he shall afford facilities for experimental research by the Director of Fisheries or by his subordinates; and

(iii) that he shall allow the plant and machinery to be periodically inspected during the period of the lease by such officers as may be deputed by Government or by the Director of Fisheries for the purpose.

Orders passed on the recommendations of the Fisheries Committee.

* 229-D *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to place on the table the orders of Government passed on the various recommendations of the Fisheries Committee other than those given in answer to question No. 1217, dated 24th January 1930?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the G.O. No. 1507, Development, dated 7th August 1930, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press. The recommendations as regards the future use of the steam boats other than the trawler have been accepted except in regard to the Lady Nicholson which it has been decided to retain for the present.

The regrading of the yard staff and the reduction of issue price of salt could not be taken up this year for financial reasons.

The cannery advertised for sale did not fetch any satisfactory offers of purchase and it has therefore been decided to lease it for five years.